

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A hub serving to store a spigot cap, said hub comprising a generally U-shaped body comprising a base, a generally cylindrical wall having external threads to engage the spigot cap, and fastening means for securing the hub to a surface in proximity to an outlet of a spigot.
2. The hub according to claim 1, wherein the body is made from a material selected from the group consisting of moldable or machineable polymeric or elastomeric material, and metal.
3. The hub according to claim 1, wherein the threads are disposed on the external surface of the cylindrical wall.
4. The hub according to claim 3, wherein the cylindrical body is hollow.
5. The hub according to claim 4, wherein the base includes an axially extending hole for securing the hub to a surface in proximity to the spigot outlet.
6. The hub according to claim 5, wherein the hole is threaded to engage a threaded stub projecting out of the stem of a spigot.

7. The hub according to claim 5, further including a bolt in the hole adapted to threadedly engage a valve stem whereby the hub may be secured to the handle of a spigot.

5 8. The hub according to claim 1, wherein the fastening means is selected from the group consisting of an adhesive fastener, a threaded stud onto which the hub is threaded, a magnetic fastener, a nail, a threaded bolt, and a screw.

9. The hub according to claim 8, wherein the fastening means is a threaded 10 fastener embedded in the base of the hub.

10. A spigot for discharge of a fluid including a handle, a valve stem and an outlet, equipped with an outlet cap, said spigot further including a hub serving to store a spigot cap, said hub comprising a generally U-shaped body comprising a base having 15 external threads to engage the spigot cap, a generally cylindrical wall, said hub secured to a surface of the spigot.

11. The spigot according to claim 10, wherein the hub is secured to the spigot handle.

20 12. The spigot according to claim 11, wherein the hub is secured to the handle using an attaching means selected from the group consisting of an adhesive, a threaded fastener, and a magnetic fastener.

13. The spigot according to claim 10, wherein the body of the hub is made of a moldable or machineable polymeric or elastomeric material or metal.

5 14. The spigot according to claim 13, wherein the fastening means is a threaded fastener embedded in the base of the hub.

15. The spigot according to claim 11, wherein the hub and the valve handle are unitary

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16. A method of safeguarding a spigot cap provided with female threads, when the cap is removed from the outlet of a spigot, comprising the steps of:

a) providing a storage hub for the cap, said hub having male threads corresponding to the female threads on the cap;

15 b) mounting the storage hub within easy reach of the spigot; and

c) threading the cap onto the hub when the cap is not in use.

17. The method according to claim 16, wherein the storage hub is mounted onto the stem of the valve.

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18. The method according to claim 16, wherein the storage hub is mounted onto a wall of a structure in proximity to the spigot.